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Labor Day On the Air!

In this age of radio and TV, the traditional Labor Day celebration is diminishing, but in its place comes labor on the air. Outstanding programs this year are highlighted by a national TV show Sunday at 4:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, over CBS, with AFL Pres. Geo. Meany heading the cast.

Also, the following radio talks will be heard nationally: AFL Secy. Wm. F. Schmitzler, NBC net, 10:45 p.m., EDT., Friday, Chas. MacGowan, Mutual net, 7:15 p.m., EDT., Sunday, Geo. M. Harrison, ABC net, 5:15 p.m. EDT., Monday, George Meany, CBS net, 10:45 p.m., EDT.

Please check daily papers for exact local time of these programs. Some may be transcribed and released at a more convenient local time. All four major networks made free time available for these programs.

Salinas Labor Scholarship Plan Studied

Proposal that the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas set up a scholarship for some graduating Salinas High School student was taken under advisement by the council at the last meeting.

John Lewis, of Teachers Union 1020, heads the special committee studying the scholarship matter. Other members are R. A. Wood, Engineers 39; Harvey Baldwin, Carpenters 925, and A. J. Clark, council secretary.

It was noted that the labor council in San Mateo has set up a scholarship plan, calling for one \$500 scholarship to be awarded each year with the council, the building trades council, and local unions co-operating.

Council business otherwise included:

Report of Barbers Union 827 that oriental shops of the area are not union.

Announcement by Engineers 39 that area meetings have been discontinued on regular schedule, although special meetings may be called.

Report of new contracts gained by Projectionists Union 611 at the Crystal and El Rey theatres in Salinas.

Report by Painters Union 1104 of retroactive pay collected for painters in the Camp Roberts area.

The council adjourned with a tribute to Randolph Fenchel, council delegate and former president of Laborers Union 272, who died unexpectedly in mid-August.

IBEW Ex-member Sells Insurance

George E. Propst, member of Salinas Electrical Workers Union 243 for several years and employed on several local projects, has left the electrical trade and has opened an insurance office.

Propst is connected with the Farmers Insurance Group, with his headquarters at 653 E. Alisal St., Salinas. His wife is serving as his secretary and both invite friends to visit their new business office.

VIOLATIONS COSTLY

California hunters and anglers who violated provisions of the Fish & Game Code in July paid fines of \$20,517 and spent 328 days in jail.

"THANKS!"



Butcher Chiefs To Attend Area Meet in Oregon

Representatives of San Jose Butchers Union 506 will travel to Portland, Oregon, next month for a tri-state conference on problems pertaining to the poultry industry and other matters.

Executive Secretary Earl A. Moorhead of the union will head the delegation, which will also include Business Agents Fred L. Feci and E. L. Courtwright. Moorhead is vice president of the Western Federation of Butchers of California.

The conferences are held semi-annually, with the general theme depending on the nature of problems general to the three states of California, Oregon and Washington. The conference is scheduled Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13.

State AFL Did Oppose Union Fund Inquisition

Contrary to an erroneous story printed this week in a San Francisco morning newspaper, the California State Federation of Labor was not only aware of, but actively opposed, adoption of a resolution by the state Senate Rules Committee which empowers the Senate Labor Committee to investigate the handling of funds by labor unions in California.

The resolution was adopted on June 10, the closing day of the session and never received approval of the upper house. However, the Rules Committee itself has the power to authorize such interim committee investigations.

Unionist is Planner

Chicago (LPA)—Aiding in drafting a modern government for this city is William McFetridge president of the AFL Building Service Employees international. He's been appointed to the Chicago Home Rule Commission.

Hear Frank Edwards!

Butchers 506 Boost Hospital Fund by \$1000

Members of Butchers Union 506 have already contributed voluntarily a sum in excess of \$1,000 which will be sent to the international union to help in the development of a new wing for the City of Hope tuberculosis sanitarium near Los Angeles.

According to Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary of Local 506, the members levied a voluntary assessment to help boost the fund. Total is not in, Moorhead added.

The union will place an advertisement in the international paper, The Butcher Workman, which will publish in October a testimonial edition honoring Earl W. Jimeron, international president.

Text of the union's advertisement is:

"The members of Local 506 extend their heartiest congratulations to Earl W. Jimeron, president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, A.F. of L., for his great work in a wonderfully humanitarian cause—the City of Hope.

EARL A. MOORHEAD, Secretary."

The international union is seeking to raise \$75,000 for the hospital and local unions throughout the nation are aiding the cause by subscribing for advertising in the paper.

Butler Leaves For Convention

Jimmie Butler, secretary of Barbers Union 829 of Salinas, left last weekend for Indianapolis, Ind., where he will attend two conventions.

Butler is delegate to the California State Assn. of Barbers, convening September 11, and also to the international Barbers' convention, which opens September 14. While away Butler will visit friends in Missouri and Washington, D.C. He is accompanied on his trip by Mrs. Butler.

Monterey Carpenters to Give Labor Day Barbecue Monday

There will be a free barbecue for members of Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey and their families on Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 7, at the Portuguese Hall on Casanova Street, in Monterey.

Union officials said all carpenters and their families are invited but that post cards sent to members MUST BE RETURNED in order that sufficient food will be provided.

Tom Stone is chairman of arrangements for the affair. Special events are planned before and after the dinner.

Fin. Secy. Robert Dalton announced that all members must bring their union work card for identification in order to be admitted to the picnic grounds.

Everyone planning to attend is asked to bring his own silverware.

Entertainment will be provided by Ladies Auxiliary 674, which held a very successful card party last Saturday in a current series of special events. Mrs. Sam Maxwell is chairman of the entertainment for the picnic.

The union office will be closed all day on Labor Day and also on Wednesday, Sept. 9, which is California Admission Day. The office will be open as usual on Tuesday, Sept. 8, and Thursday and Friday, Sept. 10 and 11.

Also, because of Labor Day, the regular meeting scheduled for next Monday night is cancelled.

Office Secretary Mildred Crivello of Carpenters Union 1323 is away on her vacation this week, until after Labor Day. Office hours for the union are 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m., Mondays through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, from now through September 5.

Carpenters 1323, Important Notice

Offices and headquarters of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 will be closed all day next Monday, Labor Day, and also next Wednesday, Admission Day, according to Thomas Eide, business agent. Both days are holidays for union carpenters.

Also, the regular meeting of Local 1323 scheduled for Monday is being cancelled because of the holiday.

Employment At All-Time High for July

Employment in July reached a new all-time high for the month, it was announced this week by the Bureau of Census of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

Estimated at 63.1 million in the week ending July 11, total civilian employment showed little change from June but was about a million above last year's record July figure.

The employment total includes the self-employed and unpaid workers in family-operated enterprises as well as wage and salary workers.

Non-agricultural employment showed little overall change from the previous month.

Unemployment remained practically unchanged at an estimated 1.5 million in July. This total, however, was about 400,000 under the level of a year ago and one of the lowest on record for the month.

The jobless total at its current level represents only about 2.4 percent of all civilian workers. In July last year, about 3.0 percent of the civilian labor force was unemployed.

CARPENTERS, PLEASE NOTE

To Members of Salinas Carpenters Union 925:

Please be advised that there are TWO holidays next week—Labor Day on Monday and Admission Day on Wednesday.

All carpenters are reminded that the holidays are listed on the quarterly working card which the members receive upon payment of dues. The holidays listed on the working cards are official.

HARVEY BALDWIN, Bus. Agt., L.U. 925

Carp. Auxiliary Activity Listed

Ladies Auxiliary of Carpenters Union 1323 has scheduled several activities for the next two months, according to a schedule released last week.

At the last meeting, August 17, one new member was initiated, Mrs. John Irish. At the meeting the Auxiliary reviewed the success of a "stork shower" given on August 11 for Mrs. Eugene Norman, at which many gifts were presented and refreshments served.

Coming events include: Friday, Sept. 4—All members of auxiliary are urged to come to the Carpenters Hall and prepare for the rummage sale. The members are urged to bring their lunches and plan to stay most of the day. Sale will be in the basement of the hall.

Saturday, Sept. 5 — Rummage sale, public invited, sale starts at 9 a.m. at Carpenters Hall; coffee cake, pie and doughnuts to be offered.

In October, members of the Monterey Auxiliary unit, along with members of Salinas, Watsonville and Santa Cruz auxiliaries, are invited to meet with the San Jose Auxiliary. Members interested in attending should telephone Monterey 2-4231 for details and reservations.

Empie Better

Friends last week reported that Wray D. ("Bill") Empie, business agent of Salinas Laborers Union 272, was improved following a sudden attack two weeks ago. First reported as a heart attack, the exact nature of the illness now is not known, it was said. During his absence from his office, business agent duties are being handled by union President Carl Jones and Office Secretary Lillian Johnson.

No Sardines

At the close of the first month of the sardine season in Monterey the status remained the same—no sardines! Boats have brought in some squid and some mackerel, and union officials said an effort would be made to find anchovies this week. One plant has had some tuna shipped in by truck.

SALINAS—Home of California Rodeo

Woman Editor Thinks Truck Drivers Are Wonderful People

Greenville, SC (LPA)—Truck drivers keep chivalry alive on the highways "regardless of the rest of us." Other drivers may use horns too much, fail to make proper signals, get impatient with pedestrians and oncoming motorists, but not Teamsters.

That's the bouquet of posies tossed at "the men in the cabs" by Miss Ansley Ketchin, woman's editor of the Greenville Piedmont in her column "The Feminine Side." She was particularly impressed by the thoughtfulness of long haul drivers.

"On the long flat roads of Georgia and northern Florida, where the cows have 'free range' and terrify motorists," she wrote, "the truckers frequently use a blast of their powerful horns to scare the bovines back into the swamps, leaving a clear road for the cars, then slow down so the cars can move ahead."

Concluding that "the men in the cabs are nice to have in the road," she asserted the great majority of truck drivers behave so well that they have earned the title of "modern knights of the road."

Union Label Week Will Be Big This Year

Two major items on the agenda of the AFL Union Label & Service Trades Department are the nationwide celebration of Union Label Week (Sept. 7 through 13) and the forthcoming convention of the department in St. Louis in September.

Sec.-Treas. Raymond F. Leheney has announced that this year's Union Label Week celebration promises to be the biggest in the department's history.

Reason for this is the nationwide Community Service and Life Saving Program being sponsored by the department. This program consists of the giving away to local hospitals Union Label portable iron lungs by local AFL affiliated unions, central labor bodies, and state federations.

It is expected that each of the 48 states will be represented in this life saving program, with valuable publicity being gained for the American Federation of Labor.

As in the past, special Union Label Week proclamations are being issued by governors and mayors of many important cities and states. AFL groups throughout the nation are setting up special celebrations at state fairs, carnivals, picnics, parades, store window displays, and a host of other promotional events.

No 'Voluntary' Cure Here for Discrimination

Washington (LPA) — The Republican Administration has run into a first-class example on how the "voluntary" method works in eliminating racial discrimination.

On August 20, Navy Secretary Robert B. Anderson announced he had "requested" commanders of 43 Navy bases in the South to take immediate steps to end segregation among civilian employees at the bases. He asked for progress reports every 60 days.

The commanders said frankly that Anderson would have to issue explicit written orders that the verbal announcement would have little practical effect unless backed up by an actual directive spelling out the steps to be taken to effectuate the policy.

Rear Adm. T. D. Brittain, commander of the largest base affected—Norfolk, Va., with 13,000 civilian employees, a third of them Negroes—said he did not intend to end segregation unless he got "definite orders" from Washington.

At Charleston, S. C., second largest southern base with 7100 civilian employees, Rear Adm. Heber H. McLean and Capt. T. T. Dantzler declared they had been giving considerable thought as to how any "directive" on the subject could be carried out. At that point they had no directive, only Anderson's "request."

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which had hailed the Anderson announcement as "long overdue," asked Navy officials if the "admirals' revolt" meant the new policy would be pigeon-holed.

The Navy's reply was that an official directive was being prepared on the subject and that the outspoken admirals shortly would issue another press release promising to comply with the no-segregation policy.

A safety program in the lathing and plastering industry has been so successful since 1947 that compensation insurance rates have dropped from \$3.59 to \$1.95 per \$100 of payroll.

Retail Clerks Appeal Judge Ruling in So. Cal. Food Talks

As has been anticipated, the decision of Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Frank G. Swain in which the court "modified" an arbitration award of Dr. John R. Van de Water, UCLA professor of labor law, has been appealed by the Retail Clerks to the Appellate Court.

The judge's ruling had deprived three Southern California locals of the right to negotiate with food market operators of any new benefits except increases in straight time hourly rates of pay.

Other new developments this week in the prolonged wrangle, according to Tri-County Clerks Secy. Dick E. McDonald, were these:

1. The Food Employers Council has reached an agreement with the Santa Monica local in which they have granted an increase of \$6 per week, \$3.50 of which is retroactive to January 1 and \$2.50 retroactive to July 1. This now brings the weekly wage of the Santa Monica Clerks up to \$80 per week.

The Food Employers Council has expressed a willingness to talk with the representatives of the Clerks Union for the purpose of negotiating wages only but will not talk on any other matter than wages. The point at issue is that in the case before the court which has been appealed, there are other matters involved than wages, such as holidays, and other items, and unless the Food Council will consider all items involved in this case before the court the Clerks will in all probability await the final outcome of their appeal.

TEACHER'S THE THING

The greatest single success factor in the teaching profession is the teacher as a person rather than the subject matter of the course or how it is taught, said Dr. Kermit A. Seefeld, chairman of the department of industrial arts at Santa Barbara College. He has shown that there is no one proven method of teaching.

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Bishop McConnell, Champion of Labor, Dead at 82

Lucasville, O. (LPA)—One of the Nation's leading liberal churchmen, Francis J. McConnell, retired Methodist bishop and former president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, died here on his 82nd birthday.

During the early Twenties, when Elbert Gary still dominated the steel industry and the 12-hour day was his rule, Bishop McConnell headed an inter-denominational investigation of conditions which led to the steel strike in the Pittsburgh area. The report which followed shocked the country and as a result Gary was forced to grant a shorter work day and some other reforms.

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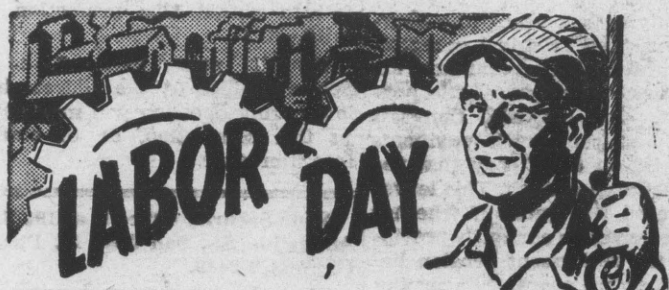
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Corporation Greed Blamed by Union for 'Wetback' Invasion

Washington, (LPA) — An AFL union has suggested a solution for the Mexican "wetback" invasion, described by Attorney General Brownell as "shocking," and as becoming one of the nation's gravest law enforcement problems.

The solution was offered in a letter to Brownell from H. L. Mitchell, president of the National Agricultural Farmers Union: Legislation to provide minimum wages and guarantee the right of all farm workers to organize and bargain collectively with their employers.

Mitchell said Mexican labor, both legal and illegal, comes in because "unscrupulous large scale corporation farm interests" want "an over-supply of foreign labor to exploit at low wages under deplorable living and working conditions." Once employers find they must pay fair wages and must recognize unions and bargaining, "they will find that importation of labor from Mexico and other foreign countries is not so profitable or desirable," said Mitchell.

Since more than half the seasonal labor supply now comes from Mexico, it will be necessary to continue legal importation, said Mitchell, until living standards are improved enough to attract American citizens. "Under the present system, American citizens have been driven off the farms by the competition for jobs by the unlimited supply of legal and illegal labor coming from Mexico."

Mitchell said that even if the present inadequate border patrol were increased to 10,000 the invasion cannot be stopped until Congress passes the laws he suggests. He urged the Administration to sponsor a law to penalize employers of "wetbacks," as organized labor has suggested for years. He also urged both the US and Mexico to include both Mexican and US labor unions in future negotiations on legal importation of farm workers.

Keep Cool and Live Longer—at Least, Bugs Do

Riverside.—Scientists at the University of California are utilizing the "cooling off" technique for prolonging life—of insects; that is.

By lowering the body temperature of tiny wasp-like parasites, entomologists on the Riverside campus have lengthened insects' life span from six days to three months.

This feat is often the difference between success and failure in the scientists' efforts to raise thousands of the parasites for release in California citrus groves. There they attack the insect pests that annually cost growers millions of dollars in damage and control measures.

Since they are not native Californians, the parasites must be imported from Asia or Africa. Sometimes only one female will survive the journey, and she must be kept alive until a male arrives or until the all-male offspring from her unfertilized eggs are old enough for mating.

By keeping the precious parasite in a refrigerator, the scientists slow down her chemical process to a point where they continue to operate for periods that correspond to centuries in the world of man.

Once a mate is available, the female is restored to a normal temperature and a new family of beneficial insects is under way.

The time-consuming task of mating these microscopic parasites is directed by Stanley E. Flanders, professor of biological control and entomologist in the Citrus Experiment Station.

But He Has No Room

Portland, Ore. (LPA) — On weekends, Eldon Mix of the Teamsters sells television sets, offering a "good deal" to fellow unionists. But he's still stuck with radio; his living room is too small for TV.

Mashburn Says Korea Truce Has Not Set Back Economy

(State Fed. Release)

Under Secretary of Labor Lloyd A. Mashburn declared that despite "gloomy predictions" the truce in Korea "has had no noticeable effect upon the economy. At present the economy is running at extremely high levels."

The former AFL official from California discussed the nation's economy in an address before the 61st annual convention of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor held in Green Bay.

Citing recent gains, Mashburn pointed out that in the second quarter of 1953, the overall level of economic activity was at an annual rate which was \$27 billion, or eight percent higher than in 1952. Output, consumption, and investment were at peak rates. Business spending was even higher than the record levels expected, he said.

The Under Secretary told the delegates that employment exceeded 63 million in July, with unemployment at a postwar low of less than 1.6 million. There is still much overtime, he said, and in June the average factory work week was at 40.7 hours.

Incomes, too, are up, Mashburn noted. Average weekly earnings in manufacturing were \$72 in June, a rise of \$5.20 over the year. He said that while consumer outlays have been very heavy, personal income has increased sufficiently so that savings are rising at a steady pace.

"As is usually the case, however, some industries are experiencing difficulty in the midst of general prosperity," the Under Secretary stated, naming coal mining, lumber, shipbuilding, machine tools, and the used car market.

"Those who are pessimistic about the immediate future note that government outlays are due to decline," he said.

Others who are worried about the economic situation, he added, note that shortages are disappearing, surpluses are cropping up, and buyers' markets are emerging. Farmers, he said, are in the midst of fairly sharp economic adjustments and consequently cutbacks have been announced by farm machinery. Others are worried about auto output, residential building, business inventories, and consumer credit.

Against all of this must be balanced several factors, Mashburn said. These factors, as stated by the Under Secretary, are:

1. The economy is today operating at extremely high levels and there is no indication that it is about to turn down.

2. Heavy defense spending will continue in the years ahead, though at a lower level than at present.

3. Consumer demand is still strong and continuing to grow.

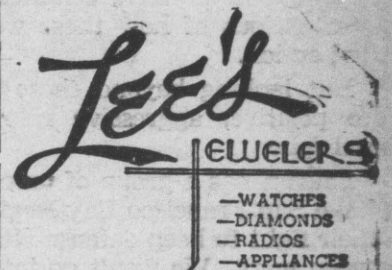
4. Savings are heavier than ever.

5. The population is expanding at a very high rate.

"If to these factors," Mashburn said, "are added confidence in our economic system and confidence in our government, there will certainly be no problem."

STUDY LOUD SOUND

A better understanding of high intensity sound behavior should lead to better protection for ears of people who work around sirens, jet engines and other such sound sources, say researchers on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.



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Positive Unionism

In addition to the long line of benefits that unions are providing their members today, there is an added objective that is being undertaken by some, with very good results. We refer to the fight for jobs—in other words, wages, bread and butter—plain, everyday security.

California's million AFL members and their families now are benefiting from many protective, defensive benefits such as decent hours, stabilized wage levels, health care, disability and unemployment insurance, and so forth—tangible gains they would never have attained otherwise—and we are all very conscious of how these were attained—through joint, united action.

But looking beyond these defensive protections is the more positive, aggressive role of unions in fighting for actual jobs.

Seldom has a group of unions been so successful at this as have San Francisco Bay Region AFL metal trades unions in their fight to keep defense-vital west coast shipyards alive between wars. We won't go into the many unjust, illogical, and downright crooked reasons for keeping these shipyards idle in peacetime—that's a long story.

There have been other similar cases of fighting for jobs, such as the unions' fight against moving factories from New England to cheap-labor centers in the South and Cuba. But the metal trades fight for western shipyards, carried soundly on a national defense and regional economy basis, is outstanding.

A Job Well Done

West coast port communities have benefited to the tune of from \$300 to \$400 million dollars in ship work that would have gone its usual way to glutted, favored eastern yards, had it not been for a dogged, capable, eight-year fight by the metal trades unions, sparked by Bay Cities Metal Trades Council. This has brought untold benefit to the business community, both waterfront and inland, and to thousands of workers' families.

The metal trades have used every weapon at their command—the letter, the resolution, telegrams, telephone calls, speeches, rallies, releases to the daily press, and their own labor paper, to carry the fight along. Congressmen have rallied to their support and are now sparking the issue in our Distant Capital, D.C., in behalf of their constituents. The administration is responding slowly but surely to this unjust situation pointed out by labor.

One interesting development in the fight has been use of the labor paper to carry the story. Bay Cities Metal Trades Council has made constant use of its own weekly paper to keep the fight alive and to publicly present the facts and expose the many tricks tried by admirals and industrial bosses to by-pass the "expendable West" in the steady flow of federal ship money.

This is an example of positive unionism that deserves highest commendation. And so we doff our hats to Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council, and their affiliated unions for a job well done. May their efforts continue to succeed and benefit this industrial step-child—the West—and its workers, farmers, and small businessmen.

Jokes, Etc.

Woman (to bank teller)—If we could only use the \$2000 in my savings accounts to buy a new car we wouldn't have to pay any financing charges.

Teller—Then why don't you?

Woman—Because my husband would ask how I saved so much money. If I told him, it would spoil his fun. When he began playing the horses, I offered to place the bets for him. Instead, I took them myself. When his horse won I paid him off, and when he lost I put the money in my savings account.

An artist finished painting the portrait of a haughty dowager, laid down his brushes and invited her to inspect it. She took one glance and flew into a rage.

"Why," she said, "if I had wanted to look like that I would have gone to a photographer."

A native of Ireland came to America and, after a year, sent for his wife.

"My goodness," she exclaimed on her first day in New York, "they certainly talk funny in this country."

"If you think they talk funny now," said the husband, "you should have heard them when I first got here."

He was considered the village simpleton. People liked particularly to place a dime and a nickel on the palm of a hand and invite him to take his pick of the two. In each case he would pick the nickel, and the person or persons present would laugh and make merry at his expense.

One day a kindhearted man inquired, "Don't you know the difference between a dime and a nickel? Don't you know a dime is worth twice as much as a nickel?"

"Sure, I know it," was the answer. "And I also know they wouldn't try me on it any more if I took the dime."

Everything was set for the wedding ceremony, but the groom appeared to be bothered. "What's the matter?" whispered the best man. "Don't tell me you've lost the ring."

"No," the groom answered feebly, "but I've lost my wild enthusiasm."

TIME MARCHES ON

A traveling man was having to spend the weekend in a country village. On Sunday he decided to go to church. But, after the sermon started and went on for two hours, he began to get nervous and fidget around. Finally he asked an old man sitting next to him how long the preacher had been preaching there.

"About 10 years," the old man replied.

"Well, I'll stay then," said the man. "He must be nearly finished by now."

SHEER NONSENSE

"I would like some union-made hosiery for my wife," said the good union man to the lovely union clerk.

"Yes, sir," she replied. "Sheer?"

"Oh, no. She's at home."

Mrs. 'Jiggins: "That Mrs. Briggs was boastin' as 'ow she comes from a fine family. An' you've come a good way, I says, pleasant like."



ALWAYS PREPARED — It doesn't look as if there's enough water even for wading but Film Star Yvonne de Carlo wears a bathing suit to be on the safe side anyway. (LPA)

GOVT. SAVINGS FICTION, SAYS PRO-IKE PAPER

New York City—The Wall Street Journal strong supporter of General Eisenhower, charged that the alleged savings in government expenditures last month, "was accomplished by bookkeeping methods." It said that some of these methods were simply the postponement of payment of debts that will have to be paid later.

"In July of last year," the Journal stated, "the Treasury paid \$324 million into the retirement fund for Civil Service employees of the government. In between, Congress acted to suspend such payments for a time, on the theory that the fund was large enough. This leaves unanswered the question whether the government is currently providing for the retirement pension liabilities that are currently accruing against it."

"In July of last year the Treasury covered \$175 million of the Post Office Department's perennial deficit. Last month the Post Office Department asked for nothing."

"But this does not mean that the mails are paying their way. The Postmaster General, says the Associated Press, expects to reduce his department's deficit for the current fiscal year to \$300 million, as against one of \$700 million the year before. But the mails are still losing money, a loss which is not to be brought into the Treasury's accounting until later on."

Traveler

Two mosquitoes were conversing on Robinson Crusoe's arm. "I'm leaving," said one. "O.K.," said the other. "I'll see you on Friday."



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MECHANICS WIN 15-CENT BOOST

Prolonged negotiations between Auto Mechanics Union 1414 and the Peninsula Automobile Dealers Assn. came to an end last week with a compromise settlement of a contract.

It was reported that the union won a wage increase of 15 cents an hour, bringing basic hourly rate to \$2.29. The union had asked \$2.35 per hour while employers had offered \$2.25.

Lubrication and service men employed at dealer shops won a new contract also, with wage increase of 10 cents an hour, it was reported. These workers are members of Garage Employees Union 665.

"UNION MAID"

—A Serial Story



by Stan Jennings

Talks Will Continue on Jobless Insurance Deal

(State Fed. Release)

Complaints against the newly proposed system of state unemployment insurance certification were thoroughly reviewed and debated by 285 AFL delegates at a special conference held in Musicians hall, San Francisco, August 19, under the auspices of the California State Federation of Labor.

The conference concluded by creating a 15-man committee to hold further meetings with Janes G. Bryant, director of the State Department of Employment.

Under the president "Union I. D. or Blue Card" system, labor unions are able to certify that their members are actively seeking work in accordance with provisions of the state unemployment insurance law.

The State Department of Employment announced this June that a new and "tighter" clearance program would be established as of August 1, 1953. However, upon request of the State Federation of Labor, the old "Blue Card" system was extended for 30 days pending discussions between AFL representatives and employment director Bryant.

Bryant attended the August 19 conference and agreed to meet with the AFL committee on September 1 in San Francisco.

Only unions signing a "cooperative agreement," or contract, would be allowed to certify unemployed members under the new state proposal. Terms of the contract have been the cause of a running dispute since the June announcement.

The State Federation of Labor has sponsored two statewide conferences on the subject, the first

being held June 13 and the second last week. The "Blue Card" system was originally established as a result of an understanding between the state AFL and the Department of Employment.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation and presiding official at the August 19 conference, named the following representatives to the 15-man discussion committee:

M. J. Callahan, State Culinary Alliance, Long Beach; J. L. Childers, Building Trades Council, Oakland; Ralph Conzelman, Central Labor Council, Santa Ana; E. A. Doyle, Bartenders & Culinary Workers 654, Oroville; Joseph Cambiano, State Council of Carpenters, San Francisco; George Johns, San Francisco Labor Council; Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, Oakland; Al F. Mailloux, Building Trades Council, San Francisco; Albert A. Marty, Teamsters 150; Sacramento; Wendell J. Phillips, Bakery Wagon Drivers 484, San Francisco; John Quimby, San Diego Labor Council; Ed. Rainbow, Boilermakers 6, San Francisco; Thomas Ranford, Los Angeles Central Labor Council; Leo Vie, Los Angeles Building Trades Council; Thomas "Ted" White, Warehousemen 860, San Francisco.

STATE FED. DENOUNCES TIMES-MIRROR DYNASTY

(State Fed. Release)

Unanimous endorsement of an AFL drive against the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Mirror proved one of the major resolutions adopted by the 1953 convention of the California State Federation of Labor.

Other significant policy resolutions found the state AFL:

(1) Condemning the racist views of James F. Byrnes and urging President Eisenhower to cancel his appointment of Byrnes as United States delegate to the United Nations.

(2) Blasting "McCarthyism" as a smear technique "not unlike that employed in totalitarian countries."

(3) Denouncing the "anti-union" activities of representatives of the California Association of Employers.

(4) Providing for quarterly weekend labor education conferences in 1954.

(5) Favoring union contract negotiation of fair employment practices conditions.

THE Times-Mirror action climaxed a week-long convention sponsored by the Union Label Committee of the Los Angeles Allied Printing Trades Council.

Two thousand copies of the Los Angeles Daily News, the Los Angeles Examiner, and the Los Angeles Herald-Express, were distributed daily to convention delegates as part of the printing council effort to boost the union-produced papers.

The Times-Mirror resolution charged that "the Otis family, and their successors, the Chandler family, publisher of the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Mirror, have since the year 1881 consistently fought the labor movement and its objectives in California."

It further claimed that the Otis-Chandler dynasty played a dominant role in organizing the Merchants & Manufacturers Association, the Neutral Thousands, the Southern Californians Inc., and "other such organizations dedicated to the destruction of the organized labor movement in California."

The resolution pertaining to the California Association of Employers was presented by the California State Council of Retail Clerks and warned that unless reported company union activities were abandoned, the AFL would conclude it "could no longer continue to

recognize or deal with "the association as a legitimate representative of employers."

Relaxed Rent Controls Result In New Hikes

Rents have risen an average of 42 percent in the last five years due to relaxation of rent controls, higher costs and the strong demand for housing, the Federal Reserve Board reported. The FRB said 19 million families rent their homes.

Congress ended federal controls July 31 except in "critical defense areas."

In Chicago, within a week of the end of federal rent controls, landlords had filed more than 1,100 eviction suits. Court officials said the real flood of such suits would come after Labor Day.

In San Francisco, in the first week after controls ended, the Citizen's Fair Rent Committee got more than 450 complaints of gouging by landlords. George Johns, a committee member and an AFL official, said there would have been thousands more complaints, but tenants are afraid of reprisals. He said when a tenant kicks, the landlord raises rents again. With rental housing so scarce, and cost of moving so high, "they just sit and take it on the chin."

BIRDS PROVIDE CLUES

Birds can teach man how to put various areas of his land to better use, according to a theory now being tested by George W. Salt, zoologist on the Davis campus of the University of California. A record of the various types of birds in an area, the scientist said, may give an accurate picture of the soils, climate and vegetation of the area and its potentialities for other use.

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**THE TEXAS COMPANY**
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With some eight months of the Eisenhower administration behind us, a process of stock-taking has begun.

As labor adds up the score-card, the new Administration doesn't look so good, but what are the estimates made on the other side of the fence?

Here is one view, from an article published by U. S. News & World Report, business magazine that pulled for Ike's election, cheered when he won and certainly can be considered part of his team.

This is what the magazine says will be the results of the "economics" made by the Administration since it took over:

Flood Control: Costly big dams are cancelled, but experiments to control watersheds go on.**Electricity:** Expansion of public power plants and power lines, all over the United States is curbed.**Figure Gathering:** A study to find where the food dollar goes is cancelled; so are special business census.**Health:** Fewer hospitals are to be built; local areas get less aid on public health projects.**Medicine:** Studies of cancer, heart disease, arthritis, mental ailments go on . . . but without expansion.**Weather:** Some hundred weather stations to be closed.**Schools:** Medical grants reduced grants to states for vocational training are pared.**Research:** Public testing of products cut back; coal to oil, coal to gas experiments stopped.**Housing:** Low-rent housing program cut back; studies for uniform national building code blocked.**Air Travel:** Building of more radio and light beacons is halted.**Atomic Power:** Work on engines, power plants, cut back.

That's a piece of the outlook as summarized by a hard-headed Republican organization. We leave it to you to decide for yourself whether this is what people were voting for in November when they put the new administration in power.

**ONE WOULD TELL ALL;
ONE WOULDN'T**

Newark (LPA)—Robert D. Meyner, Democratic nominee for governor, is willing to tell the public all about his financial standing and income, but L. Troast, his Republican opponent, is not.

Union questioners asked both if they were willing to "disclose now, when you take office and each year thereafter, your full assets, source and amount of your family income, including publication of your income tax returns for the last three years."

Meyner replied "Yes," but Troast said that while he had nothing to conceal, "this whole idea seems to be contrary to long-established American principles."

Life Without a Union

Washington (LPA) — Southern sawmill workers averaged 86 cents an hour in April, with about 45 percent being paid the 75 cent wage-hour law minimum and nearly 85 percent earning less than \$1 an hour, the BLS reported. This reflects increases of only 6 cents an hour over the level of March 1950 and 17 cents over the December 1949 figure. Major factor in the increase was the statutory hike to 75 cents effective January 25, 1950.

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AFL, CIO, Independents Set Up Joint Council

Linden, N.J. (LPA) — with its chief announced aims the representation of labor on municipal boards and joint aid in community projects, the Linden Labor Council has been formed by representatives

of AFL, CIO and independent unions.

In an unusual step, the organization voted to elect annually three chairman, each of whom will serve four months.

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People of Northwest Reviving 'Lost Cause' Engineers Without Honor

By BARROW LYONS

(This is the third article discussing the Hell's Canyon case.)

When competent engineers report such divergent results from their studies as do the engineers employed by the Idaho Power Company and the Government technicians responsible for planning a high dam in Hell's Canyon, some highly responsible persons are either incompetent, or they are intentionally misrepresenting the facts.

It is the job of the Federal Power Commissioner Examiner in this case to take evidence from both sides, and then for the FPC technical and legal staff to find out where lies the truth.

Unfortunately the Government engineers have no one to sponsor their testimony, for Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay has withdrawn from the case and will have no representative of his department to defend the work of his men. The implication is that he considers them incompetent. Yet they are the world-renowned engineers of the organization that built other mighty dams and power stations--Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia River, Boulder Dam on the Colorado River and Shasta Dam on the Sacramento River. There are few who will deny the soundness of these structures or the benefits they have brought to all of the people.

McKAY'S ANSWER

Many Westerners who have grown prosperous largely as a result of these dams wrote letters of protest to Secretary McKay when he withdrew. To all he responded in a manner that left no doubt where he stood.

If the Interior Department engineers are called as witnesses by the FPC legal staff representing the commission before the examiner, they can be cross-examined by attorneys for the intervenors who have taken the place of the Secretary of the Interior in protesting the Idaho Power Company's license application. These intervenors are the National Hell's Canyon Association representing power consumers, farm and labor organizations of the Northwest, two public utility districts in Idaho and six in the State of Washington. Such cross-examination could bring out the testimony of the Interior Department engineers from whom Mr. McKay appears to have withdrawn his confidence.

TWO BIG ISSUES

The two most important technical issues upon which the experts differ are:

(1) The amount of power that actually would be produced by the 722-foot dam proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation engineers, and

(2) The amount of water by which increasing irrigation in southern Idaho will deplete the flow of the Snake River in years to come.

The intervenors say--and in this they are supported by the studies of the Interior Department engineers--that the high dam project would result in prime power generating capacity of 594,000 kilowatts more than the construction of the private utility's projects. Based upon experience in operating Grand Coulee and Bonneville Dams, this would mean 35,000 more jobs for the Northwest and about \$700,000,000 more in the value of industrial projects produced, than if the series of low dams were built. They also declare that the additional power would stimulate sales of residential, agricultural and commercial electric appliances worth about \$1,000,000.

Principal reason for the greater production of power at the high dam, the Government engineers claim, is the fact that it would impound the flood waters of Spring flowing from melting snows, whereas the low dams would be "run-of-river" dams and necessarily waste much of the flood water over their spillways. The water impounded in the high dam would feed not only the Hell's Canyon turbines, but some eight other power plants lower on the Snake River and on the Columbia

River, into which the Snake flows.

REBUTTAL BY COMPANY

Idaho Power Company witnesses declare their project would produce more power at the sites of its three dams than the one high dam of the Government engineers. The company's witnesses point out that the three dams would have a total power head--distance from water level in the reservoir to the turbines that whirl the generators--equal to that of the proposed Government plant. But the fact that during the low flow of the river the head in the Government dam would be greatly reduced as the reservoir was drawn down, would mean an annual production of less power than from the company's generators.

One might think that with a record of the river's flow available for many years in the past this was a matter which could be easily decided. But here's where the unknown quantity of future depletion of the river flow comes in to complicate the problem.

Studies made of irrigation in southern Idaho by the utility company indicate so strong an upward trend in irrigation, especially in pumping from underground sources of water, that an enormous depletion of the river is certain to follow, according to company witnesses. State laws give preference to use of water for irrigation. Company experts think that the Government engineers have sadly underestimated future depletion.

Government engineers also claim far greater navigation and flood control benefits from their project, but it may be that Secretary McKay does not trust their figures on this since he has by implication repudiated their claim of greater power.

IRRIGATION THE KEY POINT

So the controversy hinges very largely on who can prove what about the future use of water for irrigation in Idaho. If the Company is correct, the dams which it plans will be ample to store all, or most, of the water passing its dams, and little or none will be wasted over the spillways.

The intervenors believe that the company's case on irrigation can be shot full of holes, if time is given them to analyze the testimony of company witnesses and make their own estimates of the situation. Already they have shown inaccuracies in arithmetic in the tables presented in evidence by one company witness, Harry M. Dewey, as well as incorrect and misleading captions on his charts. The company has offered to make corrections and resubmit the data.

WHEN EXPERTS DISAGREE

The enormous divergence in judgment exercised by engineers on each side of the controversy is strikingly illustrated by the conclusions of two experts:

Stevens & Thompson Engineers of Portland, Oregon, reporting to the utility company said: "The conclusion is inevitable that with the prime power virtually halved and the cost more than one-third higher the Hell's Canyon Project (of the Bureau of Reclamation) ceases to be economically feasible and should not be authorized for construction."

John S. Cotton, eminent engineer reporting to the Bureau of Reclamation: "The three plant scheme of development proposed by the Idaho Power Company is not economically feasible. . . . The Hell's Canyon multiple purpose scheme proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation is economically feasible, completely develops the power resources, and is the most attractive from all points of view."

Solomon himself might be baffled here. The public must be com-



AFL 13th VEEP — Dave Beck, president of the 1,179,901-member Teamsters union, was elected AFL 13th vice-president at the recent executive council meeting, during which two new vice-presidencies were created to conform with the AFL's greatly increased membership. (LPA)

MRA Charged With Efforts Against Labor

Stockholm. — The International Conference of Free Trade Unions condemned Moral Rearmament for engaging in "antirade union efforts."

In a special report issued by the executive board at the ICFTU third world congress, MRA's leader, Frank Buchman, was accused of following "not the path of a democratic movement but that of a dictatorship."

The ICFTU warned the world's free unions to spurn any connection with MRA because it is "trying to upset the trade union movement with its ideas and, through small groups of followers, is trying to introduce its directives into the factories (which) in view of their sectarian character, are hardly aimed at the welfare of mankind in general."

Concerned at the fact that "the sources from which MRA draws its necessary funds are completely unknown," the ICFTU document declared that MRA "needs strong financial support for the upkeep of its considerable machinery, for running the vast MRA-owned hotels, for the holding of congresses, for the trips of its 'teams,' for paying the traveling expenses of delegates and for the very large-scale general expenditures. These amounts can by no means come from the workers in the ranks of its supporters."

With a long list of incidents to document its charges, the ICFTU findings declare that MRA has engaged in "anti-trade-union efforts, even to the extent of trying to found 'yellow' unions."

In all cases where "the trade union 'achievements' of MRA were examined more closely, they were found to be half-truths or fabricated 'successes,'" said the ICFTU.

Promise to Sell Heels Without Discriminating

Washington (LPA)—Four rubber companies has signed consent agreements with the Federal Trades Commission promising not to discriminate in price in the sale of rubber heels, soles and other products used in shoe repairing. The four are B. F. Goodrich Tire & Rubber, American Mitrite Rubber, and O'Sullivan Rubber.

In signing the consent settlements, the four refrained from admitting or denying they had violated the law.

pletely lost. This gives political bias free range. Perhaps the power company is definitely counting on this result.

("The next article of this series will discuss some of the social and political implications of the case.

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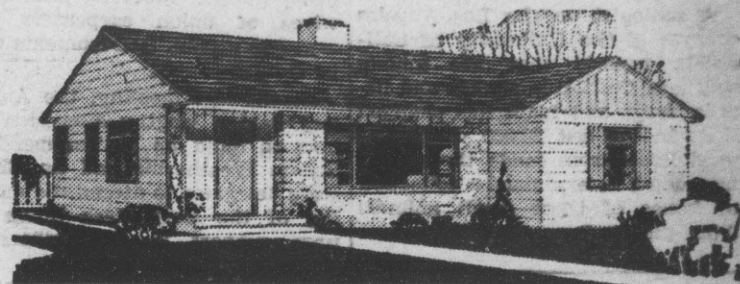
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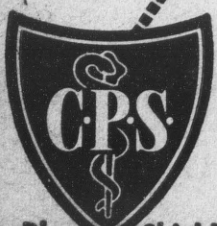
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Labor News

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Carp. Auxiliary Meets Sept. 15

Next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of Watsonville Carpenters Union 771 will be held Tuesday night, Sept. 15, as an open meeting, with all members urged to bring guests. Mothers, sisters or wives of union carpenters are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

At the last meeting, the Auxiliary held a lengthy discussion on how to build up its membership. Sisters Weatherbie and La Giusa were delegates to attend the meeting of the Carpenters Union to urge support in a membership campaign.

Members of the Watsonville auxiliary, along with members of other nearby auxiliary groups, have been invited to a meeting of the San Jose Auxiliary on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at San Jose Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa St. Some ten members of the Watsonville group are planning to attend, accepting an invitation extended by San Jose unit Secy. Evelyn Bailie.

Madame Butterfly At Curran Theatre

The Fujiwara Opera Company of Tokyo, having made its bow in the United States last year in New York's City Center, has returned to our shores for its first American transcontinental tour, and will appear at the Curran Theatre in San Francisco starting next Friday, September 4, for a series of seven evening performances—through Thursday, September 10—with a matinee scheduled for Saturday, September 5.

With an all-Japanese cast of Japan's best operatic stars portraying the Japanese characters in Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" and American opera stars appearing in the American roles, the former singing their roles in their native tongue and the Americans singing in English, they will be supported by a Japanese chorus and ballet to the music of a symphony orchestra headed by Allen Jensen, brilliant West Coast conductor. The Fujiwara appearance promises to be something more than a novelty and becomes a logical method of presenting Puccini's wonderful opera, dramatically as well as musically.

Beautiful Michiko Sunahara, of the Opera Comique in Paris, and the sensational Kazuko Yamaguchi, leading Fujiwara soprano, will alternate in the role of Cio Cio San. Others in the cast are Kazuko Mattsuuchi and Takako Kurimoto, alternating as Suzuki; Kiyoshi Takagi and Hatsumi Kikuchi, alternating as Goro; Tatsuo Saito and Ryohei Miuamoto.

The Americans are Dean Smith and Sven Nilsson alternating as Pinkerton; Francis Barnes and William Chapman alternating as Sharpless. Michael Nishida will have the role of Trouble, the offspring of Cio Cio San and Pinkerton.

Tadashi Mori, permanent conductor of the Fujiwara company, will alternate with Allen Jensen in conducting the orchestra for the performances.

Yosie Fujiwara, founder of the Fujiwara Opera Company and a pioneer in presenting grand opera in Japanese, will personally tour with the company throughout its four-month stay in the U.S.

Over 1 Million Children Now Getting SS Benefits

Over 1,000,000 children now are getting monthly Social Security insurance payments. The million-mark for child beneficiaries in the nation was passed in July.

As of the end of July, about \$31 million was being paid monthly to child beneficiaries.



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MEANY ON T.V. 'MEET THE PRESS' PROGRAM, SEPT. 13

AFL Pres. George Meany will be interviewed on the "Meet the Press" TV program over a nationwide NBC network Sunday, Sept. 13.

This is the free-for-all program where the guest is subjected to intense cross-examination by a panel of newsmen. As a firm believer in giving a direct answer to a direct question, Meany should provide a lively show on this program.

New Housing Falls Sharply During Month

Fewer public housing units were begun during July than in any month since March 1948, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

A total of 400 units were placed under construction in July, contrasted to 2,600 for June and 1,500 for July 1952. BLS said 17,000 fewer units of public housing were begun in the first seven months of 1953 than during the same period of 1952.

The report pointed up the need for more public housing. Instead, Congress has condemned the entire program by stipulating that only 20,000 units can be built during the year that began July 1, instead of the 75,000 that former President Truman called for. It also provided that no more may be contracted for.

The bureau also announced that 7,000 fewer housing units of all kinds were begun during July than in June. The total amounted to 96,000. During the first seven months of the year, 675,000 new non-farm dwellings were placed under construction—6,000 more than for the comparable period a year previously.

Private housing units totaled 23,000 above the 1952 figure.

Meantime, the Labor and Commerce Departments estimated that the dollar value of new construction this year would set an all-time record. They said expenditures this year would amount to about \$35 billion, or 6 per cent more than in 1952.

The assumption is, the agencies said, that the Korean truce will have "no effect" on this year's construction and that "no major changes in the international situation" will occur to affect building activity.

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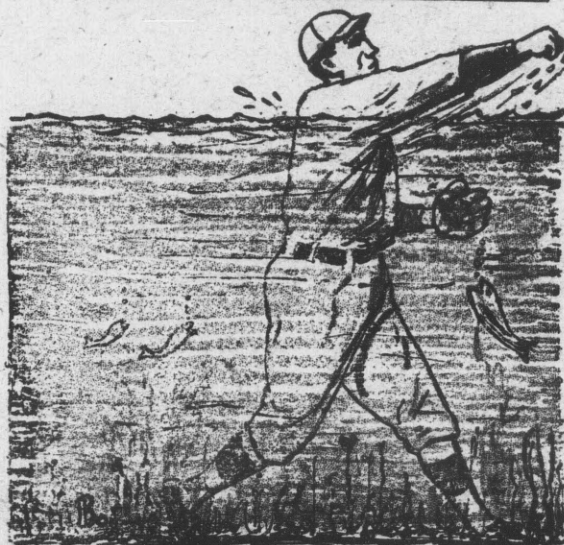
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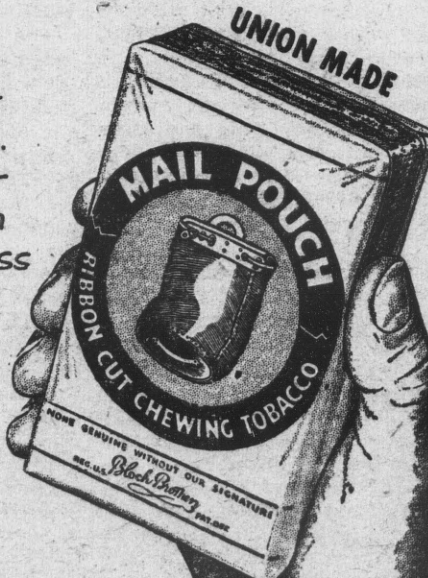
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